

Public hearing and comment period:

Suburban Water's Request for Approval of a Rate Increase

Suburban Water, Inc. has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) for an approval of a rate increase of \$296,280. Customers using 7,000 gallons per month will see their monthly bill increase by \$19.15.

Public Hearing

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning the proposed increase that Suburban Water, Inc. has requested. This hearing will allow the Suburban Water customers to learn more about the proposed increase and provide an opportunity for customers to present testimony or comments for the Commission's review.

The public hearing will take place in two parts. First, during the question and answer period, representatives of Suburban Water, the KCC staff, and CURB will be available to answer customers' questions pertaining to the proposed increase. In the second part of the hearing, customers will be allowed to make formal statements to the Commission members.

The KCC has scheduled a public hearing regarding Suburban Water's proposed increase:

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Community Library
1400 North 158th Street
Basehor, Kansas 66007

The Commission will accept written comments from Suburban Water customers through May 01, 2012. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No.12-SUBW-359-RTS and should be sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to the Commission at public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.

A complete copy of Suburban Water, Inc.'s application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website at <http://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kcc/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=0ce67c43-1b5f-4374-8409-64d53ee83e92>. The KCC has until July 16, 2012 to make a decision on the proposed increase.

Suburban Water Seeks Approval for Increase in Rates

On November 16, 2011, Suburban Water, Inc. (SWC) filed an application seeking approval for an increase in rates. In its application, Suburban Water stated the \$296,280 increase is necessary to recover the increase in the normal cost of service items such as operating and maintenance expenses and payroll and employee benefit expenses which have increased since March 2007. It is also seeking to recover the 7.5% increase in the cost of water under its Board of Public Utilities, an administrative agency of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas (BPU), water supply contract that went into effect on January 1, 2012. The Company is also seeking approval of its contract amendment with BPU and a Purchase Water Adjustment tariff that would allow the utility to pass through future water supply costs to customers without having to file a general rate case. Suburban Water's last general rate case was filed in 2007.

Additional Information Available

For more information about the proposed increases, public hearing or technical hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any person requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act needs to give notice to the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing date.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted 785-271-3200 for further information.